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SUBJ: NEW VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

REF: PARIS 12138

1. MANUEL RAFAEL RIVERO PERRIMON, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO FRANCE, WAS BORN IN CARACAS OCTOBER 23, 1921. MARRIED TO THE FORMER ALICIA SANABRIA. HAVE TWO CHILDREN, MANUEL RAFAEL AND ALICIA MARIA. RIVERO IS A COUSIN ON HIS FATHER'S SIDE OF THE LATE ROMULO GALLEGOS, VENEZUELAN'S GREATEST WRITER AND PRESIDENT-ELECT OF VENEZUELA IN 1948.

2. RIVERO RECEIVED A LAWDEGREE FROM THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF VENEZUELA IN 1948 AND SUCCESSFULLY PRACTISED COMMERCIAL LAW FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

1958-60. AT SAME TIME WAS A MEMBER OF THE SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CSE-WHICH ADMINISTERS AND ADJUDICATES THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS). DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN COMMERCE AND CONSULATES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY 1961-63. AMBASSADOR OEEC (1964-67). PRESIDENT OF THE CSE 1968-70, AS A POLITICAL INDEPENDENT. (RETIRING AMBASSADOR SALCEDO JOINED THE CSE AS ITS VICE-PRESIDENT IN DECEMBER 1970 WHEN RIVERO RETIRED FROM THE CSE).

3. RIVERO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS A LAWYER, BUSINESSMAN AND ADMINISTRATOR. SPEAKS FRENCH BUT NO ENGLISH. HE IS WELL  
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